(ख) से (घ) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Assault on Journalists

209. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports published in the "Indian Express" of 4th July, 1994 about the assault toy plain clothes policemen from Punjab on two journalists of the "Statesman" at the press conference held by the Punjab Police Chief, K.P.S. Gill in New Delhi on Friday, the 1st July, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the perpetrators were part of bodyguards of the Director General, K.P.S. Gill who has severaly beaten the journalists;

(c) if so, what are the facts and details of the incident;

(d) whether Government have made any enquiry into the matter;

(e) if so, with what results; and

(f) what action Government have taken against the Punjab Police officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Following a complaint from Deputy Editor (Sports) of 'Statesman' and his colleague in the matter a case has been registered under 'section 50613251323 34 IPC at Police Station Parliament Street, New Delhi. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi has been asked to conduct an enquiry into he matter. The enquiry report has not been received so far.

Heinous crimes by militants and f foreign mercenaries

210. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militants and mercenaries particularly of Sudan and Afghanistan origins have been indulging in acts of extreme brutality, in the State of Jammuand Kashmir;

(b) whether on April 29. in Udh-ampur district, some terrrorists first broke the limbs of three innocent persons and then slit their throats, in full public view;

(c) whether the culprits in the aforesaid case have been apprehended; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government to end such heinous crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT (a) to (d) Ther$_e$ are reports of foreign mercenaries$_3$ including those from Afghanistan and Sudan, and Kashmiri militants indulging in acts of brutality in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. They are resorting to such heinou$_s$ crimes in order to fulfil their objective of terrorising the people of J and K who are becoming more and more averse to their activities. In such terrorist related violence cases, identification of culprits | (suspects beapraes difficult fori various reasons. However, Government have taken special steps like increased patrolling, additional deployment of security forces at vulnerable points and intensification of search and cordoning off operations to nab militants and lo infuse confidence among the peopla.